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SUBJECT: JOBERT' S COMMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST

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1. AT CONCLUSION OF FOREIGN POLICY DEBATE JUNE 20, FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT RETURNED TO SUBJECT OF MIDDLE EAST TO REPLY TO QUESTIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE FRENCH MINISTERIAL LEVEL VISITS TO ISRAEL. ACCORDING TO ISRAELI JOURNALIST WHO TOOK NOTES ON HIS REMARKS, JOBERT NOT ONLY EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER VISITS TO ISRAEL BUT SPECIFICALLY SUGGESTED THAT THEY BE PRECEDED BY VISIT TO FRANCE OF ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER. ACCORDING TO SAME SOURCE, WHO HAS CONSULTED PUBLISHED TEXT, MINISTER' S REMARKS HAVE BEEN SANITIZED TO REMOVE IMPLICATION OF INVITATION TO ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER. TEXT AS IT NOW STANDS EXPRESSES WILLINGNESS TO SEE
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FRENCH OFFICIAL VISITS TO ISRAEL IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND WITH
" CHANGES IN THE ATTITUDE" ON ALL SIDES. JOBERT SAID THAT WITH
REGARD TO VISITS, HE IS " OPEN TO ALL SUGGESTIONS."

2. COMMENT: GIVEN ELLIPTICAL NATURE OF JOBERT' S REMARKS, IT
IS NOT ALTOGETHER CLEAR DEGREE TO WHICH FRENCH POLICY ON
MINISTERIAL CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL MAY HAVE CHANGED. HOWEVER,
THERE DOES SEEM TO HAVE BEEN OVE IN DIRECTION OF GREATER
PRAGMATISM. EXPRESSION OF OPENNESS BY JOBERT CAN BE TAKEN,
AND PROBABLY WILL BE TAKEN IN ISRAELI CIRCLES, AS OFFERING SOME
HOPE THAT MINISTERIL LEVEL VISIT CAN BE ARRANGED SUBJECT TO
CLARIFICATION OF CONDITIONS WHICH GOF MIGHT SEEK TO PUT ON SUCH
A VISIT.

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